



South Burlington Land Trust Board Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2018

Northfield Savings Bank, Shelburne Road, South Burlington

Present: Michael Mittag, Sophie Mazowita, Sarah Dopp, Allan Strong, Karen Ryder
Absent: Betty Milizia, Rosanne Greco, Penne Tomkins
Guests: Paul Steinman, Duncan Murdoch

The December 2017 minutes were reviewed and approved subject to corrections

Treasurer's report: Membership report and financial reports were reviewed. Membership is fairly stable with some new members. Some members remain to renew. The investment account is doing well in accordance with the increase in stock market indexes. However, some economic commentators are predicting an inevitable correction.

Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday March 25, 5-7:00 pm.

The meeting will be held at the Ridgewood Estates Clubhouse where it has been held for the last couple of years. Sarah asked for suggestions that would "freshen up" the meeting. The following suggestions were made:

- * An interactive session between Board and attendees present
- * A speaker relevant to our mission (Allan will pursue possible speaker from UVM)
- * A focus on the effect of climate change on trees and forests
- * Door prize

Suggestions were made for our annual award winner. Sarah will send out an email soliciting more suggestions.

Election of board members for three year terms terminating in 2021. The open slots for nomination are currently Michael, Penne and Sophie. There is also one vacancy in the class of 2020, for which Duncan Murdoch has volunteered.

Green Up Day, Saturday May 5

Planning and organization for Green Up Day needs to start. Michael agreed to begin coordination during the month of March. He will not be available in April at which time other Board members will continue sharing follow up tasks. Individual tasks will be assigned at the next meeting on February 28, but prizes need to be obtained soon (4). Sarah reported on a proposed Girl Scout project for GUD (removal of junk vehicle they spotted in woods).

Wheeler Easement

The City Council will need to attend to the easement as complications have arisen. City Manager Kevin Dorn announced that there are Primary Agricultural Soil Mitigation Areas in the Wheeler Nature Park. The City Council and the Wheeler Task Force were never informed about these land use restrictions. This new information may delay the final conveyance of the easement to a third party. We will follow this closely.

Miscellaneous

Allan sent the resolutions between UVM and the City to all Board members.

Rosanne sent all Board members a copy of her email to Meaghan Emery, City Councilor, regarding the need for the City of South Burlington to purchase more open land for preservation .

Karen will not be able to attend the next meeting. A substitute will be assigned to take the minutes.

We will schedule a website workday with Sophie, Penne, Sarah and Michael. Sophie also proposed a seasonal newsletter. Duncan offered to help.

Paul reviewed recent Rec and Parks activity and plans for work at Red rocks and Wheeler this season, and talked about Holly Baker's leading of the department.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4:30 pm February 28 at the Shelburne Road Northfield Savings Bank.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ryder
Secretary